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TAGS: MARR, US, NZ

SUBJECT: MT. JOHN LEASE

REFS: (A) WELLINGTON 1493

(B) STATE 114-53

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE YET TO HEAR WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED MT. JOHN LEASE FORWARDED REFTEL A SIX WEEKS AGO. MY CONCERN ARISES BECAUSE I THINK THE TIME IS RIPE TO COMPLETE THIS NEGOTIATION WITH AS LITTLE DELAY AS POSSIBLE.

2. ALTHOUGH MT. JOHN HAS NOT BEEN A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL ISSUE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR IT REMAINS AN EASY AND OBVIOUS TARGET FOR LEFT-WING PROTESTS. SHOULD THE LEFT DECIDE TO AGAIN MAKE MT. JOHN AN ISSUE THE KIRK GOVERNMENT MIGHT WELL BEGIN TO DRAG ITS HEELS RATHER THAN DRAW THE PRESENT CHAPTER TO A CLOSE. AND, IF MT. JOHN WERE TO BECOME A FOCAL POINT OF INTEREST IN THE NEAR FUTURE THERE EXISTS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT ANY RESULTANT NZ QUEASINESS ABOUT SIGNING THE LEASE WOULD NOT BE OVERCOME UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER 1975 NZ ELECTION.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I STRONGLY URGE THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION BE GIVEN THE DRAFT LEASE. FOR OUR PART WE ARE PREPARED TO DO

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OUR UTMOST TO RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE CONCERNING

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